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TAGS: EAGR, IT
SUBJECT: ITALIAN REACTION TO OUTCOME OF MARCH EC AGRICULTURE
MINISTERS MEETING

1. EMBASSY CONTACTS IN CONFAGRICOLTURA, COLTIVATORI DIRETTI,
AND THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE HAVE INDICATED PLEASURE AT
SUCCESS OF AGRICULTURE MINISTER MARCORA IN OBTAINING COM-
MITMENTS FAVORABLE TO ITALY, WHICH THEY EXPECT TO PASS
UNMODIFIED DURING THE NEXT NEGOTIATIONS LATER THIS MONTH.
THEIR ONLY DISAPPOINTMENT WAS THAT BRITISH OPPOSITION LED
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TO POSTPONEMENT OF THE DECISION ON PRICES BY ABOUT ONE MONTH.

2. CONTACTS WERE PARTICULARLY SATISFIED THAT ITALY WAS ABLE
TO OBTAIN WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT THE DEVALUATION OF THE
GREEN LIRA BY 7.2 PERCENT COINCIDENT WITH THE SLIGHT
REEVALUATION OF THE GERMAN MARK. IMMEDIATE EFFECT WILL
BE TO INCREASE PROTECTION FOR ITALIAN MILK, DAIRY PRODUCTS

AND MEAT PRODUCTS.

3. ITALIAN PRESS GAVE CONSIDERABLE COVERAGE TO MEETING AND REPORTED SYMPATHETICALLY ON MARCORA'S EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF ITALIAN AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS. PRESS AND PUBLIC ATTENTION TO DOMESTIC PRICE IMPLICATIONS WAS SPARSE. ONLY STRONG CRITICISM, BASED ON INFLATIONARY EFFECT OF PRICE INCREASES, HAS COME FROM CONFCOMMERCIA (ASSOCIATION OF TRADE INDUSTRY).

4. DECREE OF COORDINATION OF POLICY WITHIN GOI ON AGRICULTURAL PRICE ISSUE IS SOMEWHAT UNCLEAR. ALTHOUGH MINAG OFFICIAL EARLIER TOLD EMBASSY THAT MARCORA WAS AWAITING INTER-MINISTERIAL APPROVAL OF POSITION BEFORE LEAVING FOR BRUSSELS, SENIOR TREASURY OFFICIAL TOLD US AFTER THE MEETING THAT MARCORA, LIKE MOST OTHER MINISTERS, WAS VIRTUALLY "SOVEREIGN IN HIS OWN TERRITORY" AND THAT IT WAS UNFORTUNATE THAT WHILE ITALIAN ATTENTION WAS FOCUSED ON INTRICACIES OF LABOR WAGE INDEXATION MECHANISM, AGRICULTURE MINISTER WAS PRESSING FOR COMMUNITY MEASURES WHICH WOULD ADD SUBSTANTIALLY TO ITALY'S COST OF LIVING.

5. ITEMS OF GREATEST INTEREST TO ITALIAN AGRICULTURE IN THE FORTHCOMING EC AGRICULTURAL PACKAGE WILL BE: (A) THE AUTHORITY TO PAY A PREMIUM FOR EACH CALF BEING PRODUCED OF 37,000 LIRE PER UNIT, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME NOT GRANTING SLAUGHTERING INCENTIVES FOR DAIRY CATTLE (B) PERMISSION FOR ITALY TO GRANT NATIONAL AIDS IN ORDER TO RESTRUCTURE ITS LIVESTOCK AND MEAT INDUSTRY, AND THE INCREASE IN THE SUGAR PRODUCTION QUOTA THAT ACCORDING TO OUR CONTACTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAS BEEN RAISED TO 1.4 MILLION METRIC TONS PER YEAR.
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